

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

**Cancel Claims 1-10.**

**Claim 11** (Currently Amended) A viewfinder device, comprising, in order from an object side to a viewing eye side:

a first prism having a convex portion facing the viewing eye side; and

a second prism disposed separately from said first ~~prim~~ prism across an air gap,

wherein an object light flux obtained within a viewing field passes through said first prism, said air gap and said second prism so as to reach the viewing eye, while an object light flux obtained outside the viewing field is totally reflected by the convex portion of said first prism so as to be prevented from reaching the viewing eye.

**Claim 12** (Original) A viewfinder device according to claim 11, wherein a part of said second prism on the object side has a concave portion which is analogous in shape to the convex portion of said first prism.

**Claim 13** (Original) A viewfinder device according to claim 11, wherein a composite optical power of said first prism and said second prism is nonpower.

**Claim 14** (Original) A viewfinder device according to claim 11, wherein a surface of said first prism facing the object side is a flat surface, and a surface of said first prism facing said air gap has a flat top surface and four side surfaces forming a roof part in conjunction with the flat top surface, said four side surfaces being arranged to totally reflect the object light flux obtained outside the viewing field.

**Claim 15 (Original)** A viewfinder device according to claim 14, wherein each of said side surfaces is a curved surface.

**Claim 16 (Original)** A viewfinder device according to claim 15, wherein said side surfaces are in such shapes that are symmetrical with respect to a horizontal plane including a viewfinder optical axis.

**Claim 17 (Original)** A viewfinder device according to claim 15, wherein said side surfaces are in such shapes that are symmetrical with respect to a vertical plane including a viewfinder optical axis.

**Claim 18 (Original)** A viewfinder device according to claim 14, wherein each of said side surfaces is a flat surface.

**Claim 19 (Original)** A viewfinder device according to claim 11, wherein said air gap measures 1.4  $\mu\text{m}$  or more in thickness.

**Claim 20 (Original)** A viewfinder device according to claim 11, wherein said first prism is a hexahedron in such a shape that a surface of said first prism facing the object side is in a square shape, and a top surface of a side of said first prism facing said air gap is in a square shape smaller in size than the square shape of the surface facing the object side.

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**Claim 22 (Original)** A camera comprising a viewfinder device according to claim 11.